

THE CHARGES DISPROVED.

Indisputable Testimony Clears Mr. Fred Brackett.

Some one with a fancied grievance, and assuming to speak for the Grand Army of the Republic, but nevertheless apparently actuated by malice, some days since filed a letter with the Secretary of the Treasury alleging that Fred Brackett, late Chief Clerk, during his whole term of office objected to the appointment of old ex-Union soldiers, and favored the appointment of ex-rebel soldiers and their offspring. Any one who knows Fred Brackett knows that such a charge is false and malevolent. The journal of the twenty-second annual encampment of the Department of Potomac, G. A. R., shows the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

Resolved, That this encampment expresses its confidence in Comrade Fred Brackett as a friend of the Union veterans, and feels under great obligations to him for his many acts of kindness toward our comrades in his position as Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

Several comrades spoke in praise of Comrade Brackett, and cited the fact that the Treasury watch, laborer, and messenger rolls, were soldier rolls, and its char rolls a soldiers' widows' roll, under the reorganization by the present Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

This occurred February 26, 1890. The journal of the twenty-third annual encampment, page 28, shows the following as a part of the report of the employment committee: "Among those to whom this committee is especially indebted for kindness in the way of appointments is our Comrade Major Frederick Brackett, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, whose desire to aid us in our work is only bounded by his ability to find places to fill." The records of the Department show over 100 appointments during the first year of Brackett's incumbency from this and other departments of the G. A. R. These records also contain a copy of a vote of thanks tendered to Brackett by various posts of the G. A. R. for his care of their members; letters from various officers of the G. A. R. in Maryland commending him for aiding in securing the appointments of ex-soldiers and sailors; letters from the presidents and past presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps, thanking Brackett for the "kindly consideration and patient hearing of the many applications made to him for employment for widows of ex-Union soldiers and their dependent ones," and for the appointment of so many of the applicants; a letter from Captain J. M. Edgar, of the Old Guard, saying that "whenever it was in your power some one of our comrades was placed in position either upon the watch or laboring force."

Every man now in this city who has occupied the honorable position of Commander of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, has placed on file a letter commending Fred Brackett's administration, so far as the "old soldier" is concerned. S. S. Burdette, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., says: "I thought so well of his faithfulness to Grand Army and veteran interests in general that I made him my assistant adjutant general. I have always been glad that I did so. I know that he is, and always has been, the friend of deserving ex-soldiers, and that any assertion to the contrary is the result of either ignorance or malice."

Harrison Dingman: "The record of Mr. Brackett's favors toward Union soldiers is clearer and brighter than that of any other person ever holding the place."

N. M. Brooks: "A man's honorable service in the Union forces during the war of the rebellion was given greater consideration in connection with application for minor places in the Department than during any other period during the past fifteen years."

A. H. Richardson heartily concurs in the statement of Dingman and Brooks.

W. S. Odell: "The applications of the honorably discharged ex-Union soldiers and their widows and orphans received greater consideration at his hands than that of any bureau officer in the employ of the Federal Government."

George E. Corson: "I have heard nothing from Grand Army men during Major Brackett's incumbency of the Chief Clerkship of the Treasury but commendation of his course in the matter of appointments."

J. B. Burke has had large experience in the matter of seeking employment for ex-Union soldiers and their widows and orphans, and says that Brackett will have his earnest, hearty support in defense of any charge against Brackett's treatment of such applicants, and believes "the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department will stand by him to a man, because he is and always has been found worthy."

Mr. Emmet Ureall: "I found no man more courteous and kind than Major Brackett, when seeking employment and attending to the wants of distressed comrades."

Benjamin F. Hawkes says he disbelieves charges that Brackett has discriminated against old soldiers, and desires to "indorse him as a faithful comrade."

C. P. Lincoln: "I have frequently heard Brackett commended in the highest terms for his earnest, energetic, and active interest in the welfare of his deserving comrades," and that "Major Brackett, both as a citizen and as a member of the G. A. R., is worthy of and entitled to the fullest confidence."

All the gentlemen named after S. S. Burdette have held the office of Commander of the Department of Potomac, G. A. R.

Calvin Farnsworth, who was chairman of the relief committee during M. E. Urell's administration as commander: "You have done all in your power to help the old soldiers to places in the Department, and I take this opportunity to thank you for the appointments made from the comrades of Post 5. The comrades of the G. A. R. hold you in high esteem and wish you success and happiness."

Another Old Soldier Gone.

A familiar figure, for the past twenty years in the office of the Register of the Treasury, was that of Charles N. Lapham, who died at his home, in this city, September 3, 1891. Mr. Lapham was born in Bridport, Vt., May 22, 1845. He enlisted September 24, 1861, for three years, in Co. K, First Vermont Cavalry, and served with his regiment until July 8, 1863, when in a skirmish near Boonsboro, Md., he was struck by a solid shot which cut off one of his legs, and so injured the other that amputation was necessary. In 1870 Mr. Lapham was appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department, where he rose from the first to the fourth grade, and rendered faithful and efficient service.

He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss. As Mr. Lapham was among the first to offer his services to his country, and prove his patriotism in his own blood, it is fitting that his remains should have a soldier's burial in ground consecrated to the defenders of the republic. The interment will be made this afternoon at Arlington by Lincoln Post No. 3, G. A. R., of which he was a member.

REPUBLIC SINCE 1291.

Dr. Welts, of Glarus, President of the Swiss Republic.

The chief official personage of Switzerland is Dr. Welts, of Glarus, President of the "Bundes-rath" or Federal Council of the Swiss Republic. It must be very interesting for Americans to know something of the methods



DR. WELTS.

of the Executive of a Government that has been a republic since 1291. The Swiss President's authority does not resemble that of a President of the United States or a President of the French Republic. The Swiss President is a comparatively unimportant office, yet the Swiss claim that their is a freer Government than ours. The Swiss Constitution vests the supreme executive power in the Bundes-rath collectively, which consists of seven members appointed for three years by the General Assembly. To the Federal Councilors severally are allotted the different departments, namely, the Foreign Office, the Home Office, Department of Justice, the Army, the Finance and Customs, the Department of Agriculture, Manufactures and Trade and the Postoffice and Railroads Department. The President and Vice-President, elected for one year only and not re-eligible for the second year, do not appoint or control these Ministers or Councilors, but carry out the decrees of the Council as nominal heads of the confederation during their term of office. They have a voice in deliberating on its policy, but less real power than the Prime Minister of a kingdom with Parliamentary government. The President receives a salary of \$3,000 a year. The Federal Parliament consists of a Senate and a House of Representatives. The Senate is composed of two members from each canton and the Lower House has 147 members, who are directly elected on the basis of one representative for 20,000 of population. Many of the cantons have also their own Legislature for domestic affairs. In several cantons every new law or measure of government must be submitted to the direct vote of the people assembled for the occasion. There are twenty-two cantons in Switzerland, with a population of 3,000,000.

M'KAY, THE ALLIANCE JUDGE.

Refuses to Grant a Writ of Mandamus—His Reasons.

TOPEKA, Kas., Sept. 5.—Attorneys for B. A. Burr, of Harper County, receiver in the Honeywell case, through which Judge McKay, the Alliance judge, became famous, have filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking for a writ of mandamus compelling Judge McKay to sign papers taking another case, in which Burr is interested, to the Supreme Court. Judge McKay refuses to sign the application to the Supreme Court on the ground that the application should be for a new trial, and until that is done the Supreme Court should not interfere.

Death of Mrs. Walter E. Wright.

A little more than a year ago the marriage of Mrs. Kate Chorpennin with Mr. Walter E. Wright was announced. It was the culmination of an affection that began in childhood. Her death occurred on the 4th instant, at her late residence, No. 457 Missouri avenue. For several years past, Mrs. Wright was an unfortunate sufferer from an insidious disease that seemed to bode death alone. Notwithstanding this fact, she was patient and cheerful to a degree seldom found in frail and weak humanity. Throughout her illness every comfort, every aid and help that loving hands could administer or fond hearts suggest were vouchsafed. Her character was womanly and beautiful. Her trust was deep, her affection warm and boundless. Her friendship sincere and firm. The grief in her home time only can assure. Her funeral will take place from her late residence to-day. The multitude of Mrs. Wright's friends extend their sympathy to her grief stricken and devoted husband and family.

Governor Fifer on the Encampment.

Governor Fifer said to a HERALD reporter at Willard's last evening: "Had I been a delegate to the G. A. R. encampment at Detroit, possibly I might have voted for the next encampment to have been held in Lincoln, Neb. But as Washington was selected, I, as well as thousands of others, am satisfied, and if we are alive and well we will be here. You have a beautiful city particularly adapted for such gatherings. Your hotel accommodations are ample. Your many places of interest, and the accessibility of so many of the great battle fields I'm sure will have a tendency to bring thousands of old soldiers here that would under no circumstances attend the encampment were it held elsewhere."

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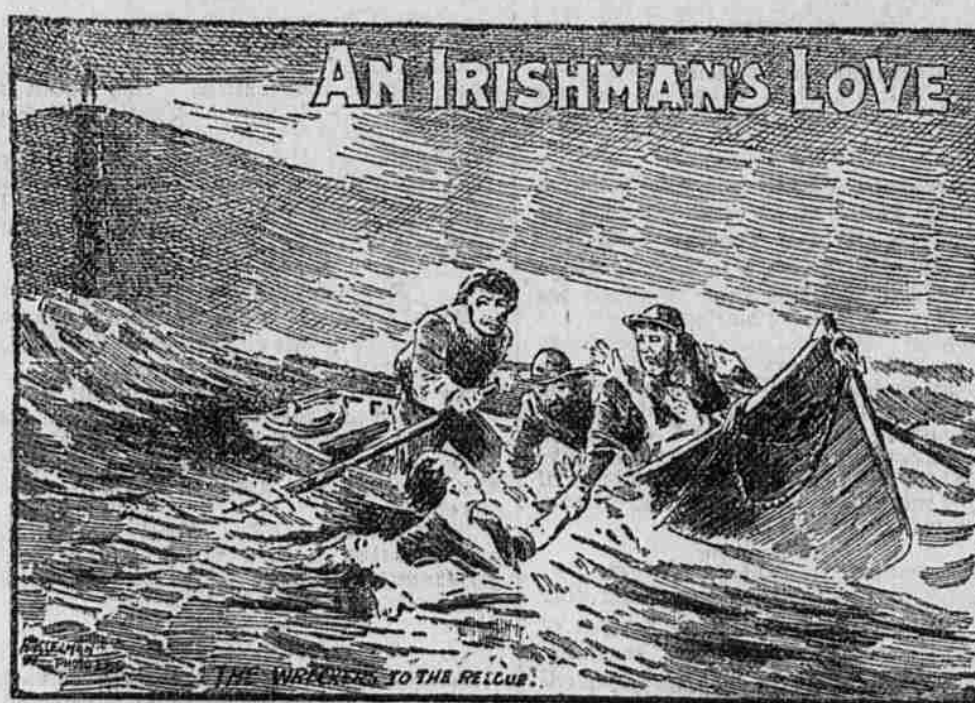
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